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**Amendment**

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Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5253

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO VARIOUS STATUTES  
CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) A person is guilty of  
4 failure to report the murder of a child when such person (1) witnesses  
5 what the person knows or reasonably should know is the murder of a  
6 child by another person, (2) knows or reasonably should know that the  
7 child is under sixteen years of age, and (3) does not, as soon as  
8 reasonably practicable, report the crime to a law enforcement official.

9 (b) In any prosecution for an offense under this section, it shall be an  
10 affirmative defense that the defendant did not, as soon as reasonably  
11 practicable, report the crime because the defendant reasonably  
12 believed that (1) doing so would have exposed the defendant or  
13 another person to a substantial risk of physical injury, or (2) another  
14 person had already reported the crime to a law enforcement official, or  
15 (3) another person was already providing effective assistance.

16       (c) Failure to report the murder of a child is a class A misdemeanor."